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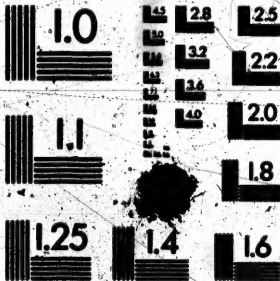
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Financial Fact as to Expenditure, Ontario vs. Dominion.

Increase in Ontario's expenditure, between 1873 and 1897, only \$1,000,442, or .33 per cent.

Increase in Dominion's Expenditure, between 1873 and 1897 \$39,175,112 or over 100 per cent.

The expenditure under the first and last years of the Sandfield Macdonald Government increased 53 per cent.

Whereas the expenditure under the first year of the Liberal Government and 1897 increased only 33 per cent.

Financial Fact as to Cost of Administration of Education Department.

During Sandfield Macdonald's time the cost of administering the Education Department was 5 per cent. of the average expenditure; during the last 26 years the cost of administration was only 3 per cent.

During the last year of Dr. Ryerson's administration the cost of administering the Education Department was \$19,315; the year before Mr. Ross took charge of the Department the cost was \$25,637; the cost in 1897 was \$29,114; a decrease in both sums.

Financial Fact as to Government Officials.

The entire loss to the Treasury from the dishonesty of its officers in 26 years was less than \$25,000. In the same time the defalcation of municipal officers, according to a return of the House, amounted to \$273,751.61, and more recent defalcations would greatly increase this sum. The actual loss is not fully stated, but appears to be large.

The Surplus of the Liberal Government.

The Sandfield Macdonald net surplus of \$1,326,333 has been substantially added to by the Liberal Government, until to-day, allowing for every possible liability present and future, Ontario has a surplus of assets, after deducting liabilities presently payable, of \$5,121,345.

Receipts and Expenditures, 1867-1897.

Total receipts of Province from 1867 to 1897.....	\$93,363,140
Total expenditure.....	92,632,215
Balance on right side.....	\$670,925

Financial Facts as to the Afflicted Classes.

It has expended over \$18,000,000 since 1872 upon hospitals, charities and asylums.

It has six large asylums for the insane, and an asylum for the idiotic, accommodating a total of 5,712 patients, at a lower per capita cost than any asylum in the States or other Provinces.

It has institutes for the deaf, dumb and blind, and grants aid to 112 charitable institutions. It leads the world in its care of the afflicted classes.

Financial Fact as to Colonization Railways.

The "Railway Fund" was increased in 1872 from \$1,500,000 to \$1,900,000, and a "Railway Subsidy Fund" was created by setting apart the sum of \$100,000 a year for 20 years.

Aid has been granted to hundreds of miles of colonization and other railways in the new districts and elsewhere, 1872-97 amounting to \$6,600,413.

Their liberality in this respect has secured the building or projected building of over 5,000 miles of railway in Ontario.

Financial Facts as to Public Works and Buildings.

It has expended \$9,355,698 on Public Works and Buildings (including \$1,900,000 for construction of new Parliament Buildings) since 1872.

It has expended nearly \$3,600,000 on the erection and improvement of Asylums for the Insane and Idiotic.

It has expended nearly \$425,000 on the erection and improvement of Institutes for the Blind and Deaf.

It has expended nearly \$600,000 for the erection and improvement of Educational Buildings.

Financial Facts as to Sums Returned to the People.

Out of a total of \$86,821,785, expended since 1872, it has returned to the people the following sums, amounting to \$68,821,893, or 79 per cent. (with other smaller sums):

Agriculture	\$ 3,471,711
Education	14,833,186
Maintenance of public institutions	15,432,075
Hospitals and charities	2,768,998
Public buildings and works	9,355,098
Administration of justice	8,112,319
Colonization roads	2,868,007
Aid to colonization and other railways	6,609,413
Municipal loan fund distribution	3,388,777
Of miscellaneous expenditure of \$1,008,000, $\frac{1}{3}$ was returned to the people	1,683,216
	\$68,821,893

In addition to this liberal expenditure it has a surplus of \$5,121,315.

The Sandfield Macdonald Surplus.

At the close of 1871 the Province had to its credit:

Invested funds	\$3,637,959
Cash on hand	172,985
	\$3,810,944

The Sandfield Macdonald Government, however, legislated for the expenditure of \$2,481,631 of this sum, viz:

Railway Aid	\$1,500,000
Repayments due the Dominion	601,131
Payments due Quebec re sales of common school lands	197,000
Purchase of Rockwood Asylum	96,500
	\$2,481,631

Leaving as the exact available cash surplus left in the Treasury by the Sandfield Macdonald administration \$1,329,313.

Financial Facts as to Total Expenditures.

The total expenditure for 1897 was considerably less than the House authorized, and the same statement is true for every year for ten years past, the amount unexpended each year being considerable. The additional fact that the total expenditures have had a marked tendency to decrease for several years past cannot be overlooked.

Total expenditure in 1891	amounted to....	\$1,158,159.
"	1892	4,068,257.
"	1893	3,967,145.
"	1894	3,842,565.
"	1895	3,758,595.
"	1896	3,703,379.
"	1897	3,767,675.

Leaving a surplus on the total transactions of 1897 of \$372,171.98.

Financial Facts as to How Each \$100 is Spent.

Out of every \$100 the Province spends:

About \$16.95 of it is spent for schools.

"	19.93	"	"	maintaining our public institutions.
"	15.12	"	"	public works and buildings.
"	9.74	"	"	administration of justice.
"	5.61	"	"	railway aid.
"	4.34	"	"	agriculture.
"	4.22	"	"	hospitals and charities.
"	6.18	"	"	civil government.
"	3.55	"	"	legislation.
"	2.87	"	"	colonization roads.
"	2.48	"	"	charges on Crown Lands.
"	2.06	"	"	repairs to public buildings.
"	18c.	"	"	immigration.
"	4.89	"	"	miscellaneous.

Financial Facts as to Sums Challenged.

During 25 years of Liberal rule in Ontario, the Opposition have challenged less than three-fifths of one per cent. of all our expenditures.

Out of the total expenditure under Supply Bill in 14 years, 1881-97, the Opposition opposed only \$243,146 out of \$47,417,483, or about one-half of one per cent.

The Montreal "Witness."

The Montreal *Witness* in its review of Ontario's budget speech of Dec. 11, 1897, says: "The surplus of receipts over expenditure for the current year is estimated at \$192,916, and the surplus of Provincial assets over Provincial liabilities present payable is \$5,241,468. The Province of Ontario is to be congratulated on its splendid financial position, which has been preserved by careful, business like, honest administration since Confederation."

The "Mail" on the Financial Administration of the Province.

On April 11th, 1890, the *Mail* said editorially:—"The Government can also *put out a good case for itself in regard to its administration of the finances.* After dealing liberally by the municipalities and exhibiting a creditable enterprise in building railways and erecting public institutions, Mr. Mowat is able to show a comfortable surplus." Instead of having a surplus of five or six millions in the treasury, *there is a debt of thirty millions, and, in spite of the direct taxes imposed on commercial corporations and of other revenue raising devices, a fresh loan is inevitable.* It must also be admitted that Mr. Mowat has passed many *progressive measures affecting the general interests of the community, and that, on the whole, his management has been clean and free from scandal. These are powerful reasons for giving him a new term.*"

In an editorial on Feb. 13, 1890, it also said:—"The Ontario Government's management of the finances has been *thrifty, judicious and clean.*"

The Toronto "Telegram."

The Toronto *Telegram*, which strives to be independent, but which always has a strong leaning to the Conservative side, and whose proprietor is the Conservative representative of one of the constituencies of Toronto in the Dominion Parliament, says: "The financial critics of the Opposition may go through the motions of an attack on the financial and administrative records of the Ontario Government. But their speeches are not likely to alter the general public belief that the record of the Liberal party in Ontario in these respects is, on the whole, creditable. It is as truly the duty of honest journalism to praise the good work of a party as to condemn its evil deeds. The resources of the Province of Ontario have been on the whole wisely handled. The revenues of the Province of Ontario have been fairly distributed and its expenditures there has been a constant endeavor to secure efficiency in results without extravagance in outlay. There is no profit for the Opposition in wholesale denunciation of the Government in regard to administrative dealings, which have been creditable to the dominant party and profitable to the Province. It would be well for Toronto if its administrators had guarded the public resources as carefully and spent the public money as frugally as the resources of Ontario have been guarded and the money of Ontario has been spent. It would be good tactics for the Conservatives to try and prove that they would do as well or better than the Grits have done in handling the public resources or spending the public money, but the Opposition does not strengthen itself by its feeble and ineffectual attempts to prove that the Liberals have handled the public resources unwisely, or have spent the public money either rashly or dishonestly."



